

EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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Announcements

"Securing Federal Funding for Your Coalition" On **September 25, 2003**, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. ET, the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America will air the satellite teleconference *"Securing Federal Funding for Your Coalition."* The broadcast will feature federal officials who distribute grants, coalition leaders who receive a variety of federal funds, and an expert in grant writing, who will identify components necessary for successful grant applications and highlight effective grant-writing tips and strategies. The teleconference is designed for youth coalition members, community coalition leaders, delinquency prevention specialists, and others concerned with improving the lives of youth and their communities.

"Youth Court: A Legal Guide for Getting Involved" On **September 25, 2003**, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. EDT, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) will air the satellite videoconference *"Youth Court: A Legal Guide for Getting Involved"* via the Justice Television Network. Youth court is a program in which youth sentence their peers for minor delinquent and problem behavior. Some 900 youth courts are currently operating in 46 states and the District of Columbia.

October is **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. To commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the following local events have been scheduled:

October 15, 2003, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. **Domestic Violence Program**, Uxbridge Police Department, Uxbridge, MA.

October 16, 2003, Thursday, 6:00 p.m. **Candlelight Vigil**, Milford Police Department, Milford, MA.

"Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?" is a multi-site art project in the Greater Lawrence area (Massachusetts), featuring sculpture and installation works by Kathleen Bitetti, which will coincide with Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October 2003. The Boston area will also host various exhibitions, artist talks, and public panels. For additional information please go to:

http://www.artistsfoundation.org/html/wolf/wolf_events_2003.html

Wayside Trauma Intervention Services is offering the following support groups:

- Adult Women Survivors of Rape/Sexual Assault
- Teen Survivors of Sexual Assault/Abuse
- Adult Women Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse
- Parents of Children who have been Sexually Assaulted/Abused

All above groups are scheduled to begin in early October 2003. For additional information, please call Linda Standley at 508-478-6888 extension 131.

Wayside also has current ongoing groups on Tuesday evenings for *Women who have experienced Domestic Violence* and a concurrent group for *Battered Women's Children*. For additional information, please contact Debra Gabowitz at 508-478-6888 extension 117.

Funding Opportunities

From the Federal Government

"Project Helping Outreach Programs to Expand"

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/hopeappkit/sl000572.pdf>

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is soliciting for applications for funding to provide resources to grassroots community-based organizations to improve outreach and services to crime victims. Funds may be used to support the following activities:

1) develop, print, and publish a newsletter and/or program materials, 2) train advocates and volunteers, 3) purchase training materials, 4) support victim outreach efforts, and 5) recruit volunteers. Additional costs may include computer equipment, office supplies, local travel expenses for advocates and volunteers, telephone service, and membership to crime victim organizations.

Application Deadline: open solicitation contingent upon funding availability

Eligibility Requirements: Nonprofit grassroots community-based victim service programs that do not receive federal victim assistance grant funding.

Maximum Award Amount: \$5,000

Grant Period: 12 months

“Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program for Terrorism and Mass Violence Crimes”

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdf/txt/antiterrorapplication.pdf>

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) developed this Application to assist applicants seeking financial assistance, training, and technical assistance. This program has been designed to provide timely assistance to jurisdictions to address victim needs in the aftermath of an act of terrorism or mass violence.

Application Deadline: open

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants eligible for funding include state victim assistance and victim compensation programs; public agencies including federal, state, and local governments; and victim service and nongovernmental organizations.

Maximum Award Amount: cases by case basis

Grant Period: negotiable

From Private Foundations

“The Hasbro Children's Foundation” <http://www.hasbro.org/hcf/>

The Foundation will fund programs that improve the emotional, mental, and physical well-being of children from birth through age 12. Innovative programs that have a strong local impact, programs that can be replicated nationally, and programs that have a national impact will be considered for funding.

Application Deadline: Requests for funding are reviewed on a rolling basis.

Maximum Award Amount: Grants for local programs range from \$500 to \$35,000; others may get awards of \$35,000 or more.

Research and Statistics

“Prevalence of Imprisonment in the U.S. Population, 1974-2001” In 2001, 1 in 37 adult U.S. residents had ever served time in prison. The rate of ever having gone to prison among adult black males (16.6%) was over twice as high as among adult Hispanic males (7.7%) and over 6 times as high as among adult white males (2.6%).

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/piusp01.pdf>

“Criminal Victimization, 2002” Overall violent victimization and property crime rates in 2002 are the lowest recorded since the inception of the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) in 1973. The rate of violent crime dropped 21% from the period 1999-2000 to the period 2001-02. Reporting violent crimes to the police increased from 43% in 1993 to 49% in 2002; reporting of property crimes increased from 34% to 40% during the same time period. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cv02.pdf>

“Census of State and Federal Correctional Facilities, 2000” The number of adult correctional facilities increased 14%, from 1,464 at midyear 1995, when the previous census was conducted, to 1,668 at midyear 2000. In 2000, 264 privately operated facilities were under contract with State or Federal authorities to house prisoners – an increase of 140%. The number of inmates held in these facilities rose 459% (from 16,663 inmates in June 1995 to 93,077 in June 2000).

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/csfcf00.pdf>

“Background Checks for Firearm Transfer, 2002” In 2002, 1.7% (136,000) of approximately 7,806,000 applications for firearm transfers or permits were rejected by the FBI or State and local agencies. The majority (52%) of rejections for State and local agencies were due to applicants' felony convictions or indictments, and about 14% were rejected for a domestic violence misdemeanor conviction or restraining order. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/bcft02.pdf>

Resources

“Community Prosecution Strategies” This report discusses the origins of community prosecution as a component of the evolving role of the prosecutor and the prosecutor’s need to deal more directly with the crime-related problems of specific communities. This report also discusses implications of community prosecution strategies for evaluation by attempting to identify the key ingredients of the community prosecution innovation or model. In **Massachusetts**, the **Plymouth**, **Middlesex**, and **Suffolk** County District Attorney’s Offices contributed to this report. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/bja/195062.pdf>

“Interagency Response to Domestic Violence in a Medium Sized City” This report examines one city’s efforts to reduce domestic violence through the coordinated work of the city police department and a wide range of criminal justice, social services, and community agencies.
<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=909>

“Learning About Victims of Crime: A Training Model for Victim Service Providers and Allied Professionals” Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) funded a demonstration project to develop and implement a model for comprehensive, coordinated, and seamless delivery of services to meet the needs of crime victims at a particular site. This report provides an overview of the Denver Victim Services 2000 training and education efforts for victim service providers and allied professionals.
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/bulletins/VS2000trainingmodel/ncj199934.pdf>

“Early Intervention Systems for Law Enforcement Agencies: Planning and Management Guide”
Early Intervention systems are an important new tool for police accountability. They are data-based programs for identifying officers with performance problems and providing the basis for departmental intervention to correct those problems. Early Intervention systems are consistent with the goals of both community policing and problem-oriented policing.
<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=925>

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